



**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN
AUGUST 27, 2008**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Martin called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children (CYC) to order at approximately 5:10 p.m., in the Parks, Recreation and Marine administration building's large conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Present: MacKenzie Martin, 5th District Youth, Co-Chair

Chelsii Summerville, 4th District Youth, Co Vice-Chair

Mary Soth, Early Childhood Development, Co Vice-Chair

Marty Isozaki, *Job Training*

Jeanetta McAlpin, *Social Services*

Jon Meyer, *LBUSD Board of Education*

Roselin Michael, *8th District Youth*

Ana Mora, *9th District Youth*

Victor Perez, *Health*

Jessica Quintana, *Parent*

Marc Rothenberg, *Juvenile Justice*

Absent: Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co-Chair

Excused – Helen Ingram, Education

Excused – Stephanie Viramontes, 7th District Youth

VACANT, *1st District Youth*

VACANT, *3rd District Youth*

VACANT, *Youth Enrichment*

VACANT, *2nd District Youth*

VACANT, *6th District Youth*

Staff: Sherri Nixon-Joiner, General Recreation Superintendent, Community Recreation Services, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Marla Camerino, Clerical Support, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Guests: David Wodynski, Manager of Budget and Performance Systems Bureau
Helene Calvet M.D., City Health Officer
Tara Yeats, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Rick Gonzalez, Program Manager of Youth Opportunity Center
Megan McDonnell, Youth

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner McAlpin to approve the July 23, 2008 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

At this time Co-Chair Martin reordered the agenda to bring forth Agenda Items VII.A and VII.B

A. Budget – Representative from Financial Management’s Budget and Performance Management Bureau

Mr. Wodynski introduced himself and provided a history on his work with the City of Long Beach.

Mr. Wodynski distributed a presentation on the FY09 Proposed Budget and spoke about the process of its implementation. Mr. Wodynski stated that the City is in the middle of the process in terms of public deliberations and stated that the Budget and City Manager’s offices are trying to get out into the community as much as possible to obtain community input.

Mr. Wodynski stated that the budget includes reducing funds for youth serving programs and informed the Commission as to which programs would be affected. In addition, Mr. Wodynski stated that there are some enhancements for youth serving programs and informed the Commission as to which programs those were.

- It was discussed that the changes to the budget are recommended changes and not final.
- Various commissioners expressed concern over the different youth serving programs that are being cut from the General Fund budget that included the Main Library and the PAL program.
- Discussions took place regarding cuts to childcare services.

B. City Health Officer – Presentation by Helene Calvet, M.D. on the State of Long Beach Youth Health

Dr. Calvet provided a presentation on the various diseases that affect Long Beach youth health. She stated that genetics, behaviors and choices, social and physical environment, and safety are some of the factors that affect youth health as well. Dr. Calvet stated that a majority of the data shown in the presentation was provided based on research conducted through Los Angeles County and national studies. She commented that she was not able to find Long Beach specific data related to alcohol, tobacco and drug use by Long Beach youth.

III. COMMENTS: TIME GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION. EACH PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED 3 MINUTES UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COMMISSION

There were no comments from the public.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Monthly Citywide Services Report to Commission

Ms. Nixon-Joiner stated that the report was attached to the monthly packet.

B. Election of Officers

Ms. Nixon-Joiner distributed election ballots to the commissioners. The following commissioners were elected into officer positions:

Co-Chair (Adult): Commissioner Mary Soth
Co-Chair (Youth): Commissioner Chelsii Summerville
Co Vice-Chair (Adult): Commissioner Rebecca Turrentine
Co Vice-Chair (Youth): Commissioner Ana Mora

V. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Co-Chair Turrentine

Co-Chair Turrentine was not present.

B. Co-Chair Martin

Co-Chair Martin stated that she has been actively working with her District Level Youth Council liaison for the 5th District regarding her vacancy. She stated that the 5th District does have a candidate and hopes his paperwork will be submitted soon.

VI. REPORTS

A. Standing Committees

1. **Executive Committee** Co-Chairs Turrentine and Martin, Co Vice-Chairs Soth and Summerville, Commissioner Meyer

The Executive Committee met to discuss tonight's agenda and the new commissioner appointments.

B. Special Committees

1. **Long Beach Youth Fund Committee** - Commissioners Martin, Michael, Summerville, Ingram, McAlpin

Staff reported that the checks have been mailed to the grant recipients.

2. Profile Committee Commissioners Soth, McAlpin, Summerville, Mora

Ms. Nixon-Joiner reported that the Profile Committee met to discuss possibly delegating the responsibility of researching data amongst the committee members.

Commissioner McAlpin reported that the UCLA Center for Public Health and Nonviolence agreed to assist the Profile Committee.

C. Standing Item Reports

1. District Level Youth Advisory Councils - Report on DLYAC meetings

Commissioner Mora reported that the 9th District Youth Advisory Council is preparing for an upcoming cleanup event on Saturday, September 20.

2. Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force - Commissioners Rothenberg, Summerville

Commissioner Rothenberg reported that a Community Forum was held in place of their monthly meeting. The Community Forum consisted of workshops and a resource fair that focused on mental health. Commissioner Rothenberg stated that the next Community Forum would be held in December and will focus on early childhood education and parenting.

A motion was made to have the Commission on Youth and Children co-sponsor the Early Childhood Education Community Forum that is being coordinated by the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force. It was moved by Commissioner Soth and seconded by Commissioner McAlpin to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Safe and Smart After School Sustainability Committee - Commissioners Turrentine, Meyer

Commissioner Meyer did not have anything new to report.

D. Non-Committee Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Meyer informed the Commission that he spoke with Mayor Bob Foster regarding having personal interviews with the youth commissioners and having the Mayor write a letter of recommendation to the college of their choice. Commissioner Meyer stated that the Mayor would be delighted to do this for our youth commissioners.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C. Budget – Representative from Financial Management’s Budget and Performance Management Bureau

This item was previously discussed.

D. City Health Officer – Presentation by Helene Calvet, M.D. on the State of Long Beach Youth Health

This item was previously discussed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. CYC Letter and/or Presentation to City Council on Youth Programs

Recommended Action: Discuss and vote on the best way to address City Council on Youth Programs that are being reduced and/or removed from the budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Discussions took place amongst the commissioners regarding opposing budget cuts to the DARE program, Mobile Recreation program at Burbank and Jefferson, the Skate Park program, and the Main Library.

It was moved by Co-Chair Martin and seconded by Commissioner Meyer to approve staff to draft a letter to City Council and to approve commissioners to speak at the City Council meeting on behalf of the CYC regarding youth programs being reduced and/or removed from the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Long Beach WRAP After School Program Event

This item was laid over until the next CYC meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Co-Chair Martin adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

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